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In re the Application of:

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For: APPARATUS FOR ILLUMINATING
A PORTABLE ELECTRONIC OR
COMPUTING DEVICE THROUGH A
PLUG-IN CONNECTION TO A UTILITY
POWER JACK

Group Art Unit: N/A

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3)

Commissioner for Patents
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the items identified in this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") are brought to the attention of the Office. The references are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of items listed as "AR" through "AW" are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Copies of items listed as "AA" through "AQ" on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited and/or provided in parent application number 09/330,322 filed June 11, 1999.

The Examiner is requested to note that the enclosed web page printouts advertise a number of exemplary book lights. It is not known whether these book lights are prior art, but Applicants wanted to bring these to the Examiner's attention in the event that they are. Also enclosed is a web page printout advertising a notebook lighting device for attachment to a serial port of a notebook computer. It is also not known whether this device is prior art. Applicants have become aware of the enclosed and, therefore, wanted to bring these to the Examiner's attention. It should be noted that Applicants have not specifically conducted a search for book lights or computer lights.

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The items identified in this IDS may or may not be "material" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. The submission thereof by Applicants is not to be construed as an admission that any such patent, publication or other information referred to therein is material or considered to be material (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h)), or even qualifies as "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. § 102 with respect to this invention unless specifically designated by Applicants as such.

This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), that is before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits. Thus, no petition or fee is required. However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, then it is requested that the Office consider this IDS as filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by the filing of these papers to Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

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